

2005 JAG Application Program Narrative

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds awarded to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 2005 will be awarded to subgrantees to fund projects that will improve the functioning of Kentucky's criminal justice system, within the guidelines of the JAG Program. Special emphasis will be given to multi-jurisdictional projects and projects that advance state drug control priorities as set forth by the newly created Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy. Other priority funding areas include treatment and alternatives to incarceration, education and prevention concerning drug and alcohol use, and enforcement and prosecution improvement projects.

As a result of the 2004 Kentucky Drug Summit, it was determined that there was an overwhelming need for programs to be developed and implemented to fulfill the administrations priorities for the Commonwealth. Feedback from local and state lawmakers, treatment and prevention professionals, law enforcement and concerned citizens of the Commonwealth was tabulated into this finding.

Consistent with recommendations from the 2004 Kentucky Drug Summit, as well as the previous four year state strategy submitted with the FY 2004 Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Grant Program, the Cabinet has identified three broad areas of need. These primary foci have remained relatively constant, with adaptations as warranted, over the past seventeen years. Articulated as the primary issues of a multi-year plan, these priorities are broadly stated to umbrella a menu of opportunities that will address various problems within the range of each. Priorities identified are closely aligned with the National Drug Control Strategy, as well as those of the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy.

Within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the JAG program will focus on the following priorities during the next four years:

Priority #1: Improve treatment

Goals: Modify offender behavior and reduce recidivism and prison overcrowding.

Objectives: Implement projects that address the critical need for compliance with treatment.
Implement structural changes that promote accountability in the interface between treatment providers and the justice system.
Expand drug courts and other alternatives to incarceration (tailored to specific needs of communities).
Enhance offender assessment and treatment for adults and juveniles at all stages of the criminal justice system.
Expand drug treatment resources for female offenders.
Share expertise and resources across disciplines.
Expand existing treatment services and resources.

Develop family-inclusive approaches.
Increase effective models to deal with juvenile treatment needs.
Conduct comprehensive outcome evaluations of treatment measures.

Priority #2: Increase substance abuse education and prevention

Goals: Interrupt inappropriate behaviors, redirect behavior outcomes, and involve outcomes, and involve families in the process. Expand everyone's knowledge of substance abuse.

Objectives: Increase emphasis on demand reduction.
Assess public education against program efficacy and cost.
Expand projects that increase awareness of underage use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs and adult substance abuse.
Expand projects that target juveniles for treatment and family-inclusive approaches.

Priority #3: Enhance law enforcement

Goals: Make the enforcement arm of this holistic approach as strong as possible to deal with gangs, drugs, violence, marijuana eradication, and related issues.

Objectives: Enhance resources and strategies that include marijuana eradication.
Enhance projects that focus on increased offender accountability.

Programs selected for funding will meet criteria for one of the six purpose areas of JAG program funding. Programs may include, but not be limited to:

- Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces
- Offender Re-Entry Programs
- Offender Rehabilitation
- Prosecutorial Based Programs/Initiatives
- Drug Eradication Programs, both state and local
- Community Crime Programs
- Youth Prevention Programs
- Community Prevention Programs
- Drug Court Initiatives
- Resource and Improvement of Records
- Other allowable programs

The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, as State Administering Agency for federal adult criminal justice grants in the Commonwealth, will insure that diverse funding sources are coordinated to insure delivery of the most efficient and effective programs and policy development. The Cabinet will also insure compliance with the pass through requirement that designates 38.5% of Commonwealth JAG funds to go to local units of government. There will be a 25% cash match for all JAG funds provided through the Cabinet, and compliance with all applicable federal guidelines and reporting measures will be enforced.

FY 2005 JAG Application Budget Narrative

The following table reflects the proposed allocation for Justice Assistance Grant funding for the Commonwealth for FY 05:

Category	Percentage	Amount
Administration	10%	\$441,468.00
Prevention	5%	\$222,073.00
Treatment/Direct Intervention	15%	\$666,220.00
Mini-Grants (<\$10K)	5%	\$222,073.00
Other Programs	65%	\$2,886,934.00
Total Award	100%	\$4,441,468.00

Funds set aside for administration will be used by the Kentucky Grants Management Branch for personnel to oversee all JAG projects throughout the state by providing programmatic and financial guidance to the subgrantees, insuring that the mandated 38.5% of funds are passed to local units of government, and performing regular on-site monitoring visits. These monitoring visits will give Grants Management Branch staff first hand knowledge of the specific details of each project and, at the same time, foster a good working relationship between the branch and subgrantees. Funding from this category will also cover operating expenses for grant staff including, but not limited to, travel, necessary training, and supplies. If the amount allocated to this category exceeds administrative need, the SAA may choose to redirect funds to additional subawards.

Allocations for Prevention (5%) and Treatment (15%) will be used to implement and expand programs that show innovation and solid outcome based measures in their respective fields. These programs will be evaluated on outcome based performance indicators and held to standards of best practices within their field. Programs funded in these areas will be required to focus their programs on Prevention and Treatment priorities as set forth by the Kentucky Office for Drug Control Policy and as listed in the 2004 Kentucky State Strategy.

Funds targeted for the category of Mini-Grants will be allocated to fund programs and initiatives similar to those of the former Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (e.g., law enforcement equipment and overtime). Applicants for these will be instructed to make requests for project funding of no more than \$10,000. The targeted recipients for this funding will be smaller law enforcement agencies.

The Other Programs category will include such projects as Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces, statewide eradication programs, prosecutorial based programs, and other programs falling within one of the six defined JAG purpose areas.